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This is my next to last column as Guild President. I have to grudgingly admit that I will miss it. When asked to serve as 1st Vice President which then flows automatically into President of the Guild, I answered "**ABSOLUTLY NOT I don't have the time, I don't have any desire or interest in being the Guild President.**" Well as you see that didn't even slow down the nominating committee chair, with lobbying assistance from Emmie I was persuaded to serve. It has been an interesting and rewarding year and I will have to admit that next year as 2nd Vice President is bound be dull in comparison. At the April General Meeting we will be nominating the new slate of candidates for the May elections. If approached by our nominating committee please seriously consider serving, it's your Guild, help keep it flourishing. Great strides have been made toward getting the library actually up and organized **Vicki Kunde** reports that she is filling the shelves and should have it fully functioning soon.. The CD library usually travels with **Bob Bridges**. Don't underestimate the amount of wisdom in his silver box. They can be signed out at any meeting. I don't think there's a time restriction so you have more incentive to play them until you understand what the process/subject is. Of course we can hunt you down if it gets to be at the year mark.

Spring seems to be blossoming and following that the grass will be greening, another distraction from working in your shop. Remember that we have a 2 x 6 contests underway. Prizes are being solicited for awarding to the winners. I hope a good number of our members will spend some time thinking off or finding patterns to create some kind of entry for the contest. The May General Membership meeting will be the viewing/judging of the entries and prizes awarded.

Remember it is never too early to start making toys for the kids at Sarah's house. You can avoid the end of the year rush by starting now or fitting a toy or two between other projects as a fun break in routine.

To all the new members and membership: there is a small list of members (compared to the number Guild members) who have signed up to receive messages like offers of wood or tools for sale, sometimes someone must give up their workshop, and sometimes someone just upgrades and the old tool is perfectly fine, it just needs a new home. Sometimes there may be a wood or something special going on. These are all FYI types of information that either aren't appropriate for, or time wise doesn't work into the newsletter to make sure everyone gets it. If you have a desire to get that kind of message, please e-mail: info@awwg.org and you will be added to this list.

APRIL SPEAKER WILL BE BRYANT WHITE. He will be speaking about and demonstrating Hammer Veneering with hot hide glue (www.bryantbuilds.com).



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

(GMM), MARCH 10, 2011 (By A. Conine)

I. GENERAL BUSINESS:

LEE MARSHALL welcomed members and guests and made the following announcements:

2x6 Contest - remember to have your entry at the May GMM.

Robert Bond (member who is moving) had a list of tools and items from his shop for sale at the membership table.

Free – Drill chuck and rollers for a stand in the back of the room (they found a home).

Kinder Farm Park – Saw Mill would be operating 9-12 Saturday morning, Members are welcome to attend.

Choice Woods – Is offering Guild members a 10% discount on non-corded tools and supplies through the end of March. www.choice-woods.com

Class – Guild will sponsor a class by Mario Rodriguez August 6th and 7th (see details later in the newsletter).

Vicki Kunde - would like some help making about 100 wooden motorcycle kick stand bases for the Armed Forces Day Celebration being held at the American Legion Post 60 in Laurel on May 21st. **Tom Lahdelma** already donated all the wood. Contact Vicki for details.

II. WHAT'S NEW:

Lee Marshall – showed a sample of a new product from Vermont Natural Coatings called PolyWhey.

It is a waterborne polyurethane that is made with whey proteins which are a byproduct from the Vermont cheese industry.

Poly-Whey is available in gloss, semi-gloss, and satin.

They also have tints available for use with the Poly-Whey or other finishes. There were brochures available at the membership table, you can also see their web site for more information

(www.vermontnaturalcoatings.com)



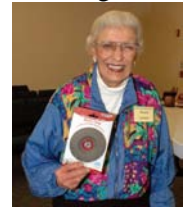
III. SHOP TIP:

George Swisher presented an alternate material to use to clean the swarth from your sanding belts or discs. Dried clear **SILLICON** Calk. It is the free byproduct of not sealing properly or just an old partially used tube of calk that has dried out over time. George attested to the fact about how well it cleans belts and discs.



IV. DOOR PRIZE:

Milton Smith captured the first prize of a \$50 gift



card; **Vicki Kunde** took the mini-mop sanding set and **Bambi Sublett** has a new Roto Rasp that I am sure she can put to good use with all the many big projects she always has in progress. (NOTE: Roto rasp and mini mop sander provided compliments of STOCKROOM Supply www.stockroomsupply.com)

V. SHOW AND TELL:

WALTON ROGERS showed a very small, very sharp pair of stainless steel tweezers. A little pricey at \$25.00 but nice to have for those nasty little slivers. He also showed a hoop setter used for setting the protective hoop on a wooden handled chisel.



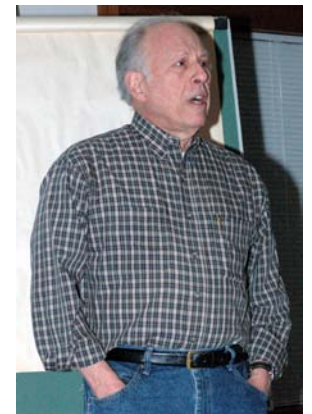
JIM FRANCIS showed a bracket



clock he made as a retirement gift for his former boss. It was made out of walnut and finished with a wipe on poly.

VI. SPEAKER:

MIKE ARNDT introduced our speaker for the evening, **Fred Schock**. Fred had stopped by our booth at the Timonium Show and talked to several members about our club. His primary interest has been focused on solving the mysteries of making rocking chairs. He learned



some skills from Sam Maloof and has worked with Hal Taylor on rockers and Hal's latest book. He had many pictures of beautiful rockers and he explained the style and beauty of each. One picture was of a child's bentwood rocker with his ten month old grandchild sitting in it. That chair has been in the family for four generations. It looks like it still has many more generations to go. Fred showed how to make a cantered rocking chair leg and he said to always expect



the unexpected. Just about anything can be repaired. Fred recommends that you size the rocker to the persons height for a more comfortable fit. He said he uses a learning chair with students. It demonstrates things not to do

and how to fix the problems. He said that he makes most of the cuts for the pieces on his bandsaw, however it is a very tricky and dangerous process. One member asked how long it takes to make the seat?



Using several props Fred explained that it usually takes him the better part of a week to hand shape the seat. However he has had some shaped on a CNC machine and it took 43 minutes. A member asked what kind of glue he used? Fred said he uses Titebond III on walnut, Titebond II on maple, and epoxy to glue the legs to the rockers. A member asked how the arch of the rocker was determined. Fred said it is based on the radius of a circle based on the leg placement and that more information could be found in Hal Taylor's book. (NOTE: Fred provided, compliments of Mr. Taylor, several copies on DVD of Mr. Taylor's book. Two were put in the library and the rest will be used for door prizes at future meetings). A member asked about the price of a chair? Fred said they are usually priced from \$4,000.00 to \$8,000.00 depending on size and wood selection. He also said that some made by famous craftsman have gone for over \$100,000.00. It



was another evening full of good information. Thank you Fred. You do such beautiful work, a wonderful craftsman.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Please remember to wear your nametags at our General Membership Meetings (GMM). If any of your information has changed (email, phone number, address, etc.) or you need a new name tag; contact Harlan Ray Jr. (Membership Chair) or send your changes to the Guild email address (info@awwg.org) for updating of the membership database. To ensure database integrity only the individual member can request changes to their information.

You can renew you membership (pay your annual dues) at a GMM, via US Postal System snail mail, **OR NOW, ON-LINE** via the Guild's web site calendar page, using your credit card through the service of PayPal (www.awwg.org/awg_calendar.htm).

REMINDER – if the AACO schools are closed due to bad weather there is no Guild Meeting that evening.

REMEMBER WE ARE LOOKING FOR TWO MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER TO BE THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS!!



Historian reminds everyone to submit their hours of working on donated or special projects for the Guild's

records. Send your information to the Guild's email address. Emmie thanks everyone who has submitted their hours. She needs anyone who hasn't submitted them so far to get them to her by the end of April. Keeping track of hours on community and other projects helps the Guild keep it's non-profit status. An idea to make it easier to keep track of your hours would be to fasten a paper on your shop bench or wall and record your hours as you go along.



WORKSHOPS/CLASSES:

Plans are still in the works to bring "named" speakers to teach one and two day workshops/classes. The first one will be **Mario Rodriguez** and the dates are August 6th and 7th. The Session on the Saturday August 6th will be held at the church and will be lecture and demonstration and is open to all Guild members. There will be a charge for members to cover lunch and miscellaneous type expenses while the cost for the actual speaker will be covered by the Guild. The session on Sunday August 7th will be an actual hands-on project led by Mr. Rodriguez and will be held at Troy Beal's school. Because of space limitations this session will only be open to 15 Guild members. The present plan is to draw member names from a hat. To get your name in the hat you must sign-up and pay the fee for both sessions, If your name is in the hat and your are not chosen your fee for the second session only will be returned. You can help choose the topic of the class by visiting the Philadelphia Furniture Workshop web site (www.philadelphiafurnitureworkshop.com) and providing input to the Guilds email address info@awwg.org and we can try to make a judgment on the subject by how many responses we get for a certain subject, we need to hear from you. More details will be forth coming when available. Information about Mr. Rodriguez can be found on the Philadelphia Furniture Workshop web site under Biographies.

HUGH HOUGHTON reports that this year's **Woodworking in America Conference** will be held September 30th- October 2nd, 2011 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center (right across the river from Cincinnati). You will be able to learn skills directly from today's top craftsmen – dovetails, inlay, handplanes, tablesaw techniques and much more– in more than 40 different classes . Space is limited! For more details check out their web site www.woodworkinginamerica.com . He has attended this event and says it is well worth the cost and time.



MENTOR LIST:

We are still looking for members who are willing to be mentors in the following areas: Band Saw; Dust Collection: Finishing Methods; Sharpening; Reading and Understanding Plans; Equipment Maintenance. Or if you have a skill that is not listed please let us know. The AWG Mentor list follows in this format:

Subject; Name/Phone/Email

Antique furniture restoration; Quinan, Johnstone/
410-956-5428/ ;

Brushed Shellac ~ Hand planes; Applegate, Patrick
/410-426-8287/ pappleg@jhmi.edu

Carving ~ Inlaying; Scrivens, Jay D. /410-544-3247/
jdscrivens@verizon.net;

Clock Making and Gilding; Stone, Ed / 301-464-
8079 / edwhstone@comcast.net;

Finish repair ~ Furniture repair; Arndt, Michael/
410-551-8588/ MarylandWoodPro@gmail.com;

Hand planes; Ames, Donald /410-268-0509/
dfames@verizon.net

Routing ~ Laminating; Houghton, Hugh/ 410
-263-8615 / hjhoughton@comcast.net;

Routing ~ Raised panels ~ Toys; Bodnar, Joseph A./
301- 390-0484/ joebflied@comcast.net;

Scrollsaw; Allred, Win /301- 587-3821
/winallred@yahoo.com ;

Scrollsaw; Dodson, Paul/ 410 -760-5382/
pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net

Stains ~ Hand rubbed oil finish; Sparks, Roy A/ 302
-337-1016 / ;

Tooling ~ Cabinet making; Ashby, Robert /410
-969-2910/ toolsrus58@comcast.net

Toys and Electrical; Hirrlinger, Jack/ 410-798-1339/
tjhirr@comcast.net



I would like to apologies to the Guild members for the brevity of the past two newsletters. The cause is why we need at least one member to come forward to co-editor and preferably two members to come forward and take over as co-editors. I have had to go out of town twice in the past two months to attend funerals for deaths in our family. This took away from the limited time I had available to work on the newsletter and provide the quality you all deserve. Acting Editor.